

EMT-Basic Curriculum Committee

- Plan to update only the most essential skills and topics to match curriculum to current EMT practice across VA.
- No change in course time requirement as all skills can be integrated into current class time.
- National Scope of Practice Changes Expected in 2009.
 - Keep changes simple and prepare VA instructors for adaptation to national curriculum in 2009
- Roll out an instructor resource tool for updated sections
 - DVD for skill demos and introduction in an EMSAT format
 - Skills Check Sheets for new skills and medications
 - Curriculum insert for new topics and skills
 - Possible on-line component with TRAIN Virginia

Proposed Updates

- Aspirin for Chest Pain
- Nitroglycerin for Chest Pain – ability for EMT to use on-board NTG if pt has current prescription but no NTG
- Gluometry
- Definitive Pulse Oximeter Objectives
- Use of HHN for B₂ agonist

Text Book Comparison with Support Material for the proposed changes

| Book | Publisher | Chest Pain | | AMS Glucometry | Respiratory Distress | |
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| | | ASA | NTG | | Pulse Ox | Hand Held Neb |
| Emergency Care 10 th Ed | Brady | Yes | Rx only | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| EMT-Complete (Work text) | Brady | Yes | Rx Only | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Emergency Medical Technician – <i>Making the Difference</i> | Mosby-JEMS | No | Rx Only | List as good to use but no instructions | List as good to use but no instructions | No |
| EMT Prehospital Care | Mosby-JEMS | Yes | Generic | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| | AAOS | ? | ? | ? | ? | ? |
| Regional Protocol | | 82% | 50% Rx only | 91% | 64% | 50% |